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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date and Time: May 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Location: CCAP Hearing Room #330 at 400 R Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Board Members Present: Gregory Ferraro, Chairman
Oscar Gonzales, Vice-Chairman
Dennis Alfieri, Member
Damascus Castellanos, Member
Brenda Washington Davis, Member
Peter Stern, Member

Staff Members Present: Scott Chaney, Executive Director
Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director
Vitto Racowschi, Chief of Enforcement
Jeff Blea, Equine Medical Director

Board Members Absent: Thomas Hudnut, Member

1. Approval of the minutes of February 26, 2026.

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Castellanos/Davis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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2. Approval of the minutes of March 11, 2026.

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Davis/Stern.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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3. Discussion and action by the Board on the Application for License to Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting of the Los Angeles County Fair at Los Alamitos, commencing on June 17, 2026, through July 7, 2026, inclusive.

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Gonzales/Stern.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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4. Discussion and action by the Board on the Application for License to Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club at the Del Mar Racetrack from July 8, 2026, through September 8, 2026, inclusive.

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Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Davis/Stern.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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5. Discussion and action by the Board regarding the **distribution of Race Day Charity proceeds of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, combined 2025 Race Meetings.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Stern/Castellanos.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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6. Discussion and action by the Board regarding the **request to modify the distribution of Market Access Fees from Advanced Deposit Wagering for wagering conducted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club for 2026 to include a distribution to be utilized to fund a California Co-op Marketing program.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Alfieri/Davis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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7. Discussion and action by the Board on the **request by NOTWINC on the Agreement to use Market Access Fees for simulcast expenses not covered by statutory deduction.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Davis/Castellanos.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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8. Discussion **Satellite Consent Calendar Items:** *Consent items are expected to be routine and noncontroversial. It is recommended that the Board adopt these items without discussion. If any interested party, member of the Board, or staff member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it will be considered separately.*

Action Items:

Approval by the Board regarding the following **renewal applications for licenses to operate simulcast wagering facilities for a period of five years: Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, San Diego County Fair (Surfside Race Place), Los Angeles County Fair (The Derby Room), San Bernardino County Fair (The Derby Room), Solano County Fair (Winners' Circle), Southern California Fair & Events (The Derby Room).**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Davis/Ferraro.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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9. Discussion and action by the Board on the **application for approval to conduct Advance Deposit Wagering of AmWest Entertainment, LLC, an out-of-state multi-jurisdictional wagering hub, for a period of two years.**

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Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Stern/Castellanos.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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- 10. Discussion and action by the Board to partially suspend CHRB Rule 2072, subsection (b), Approval to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering by an Out-of-State Applicant, pursuant to CHRB Rule 1406, Suspension of Rule, in order to consider the DraftKings Racing ADW Application.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Davis/Ferraro.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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- 11. Discussion and action by the Board on the application for approval to conduct Advance Deposit Wagering of DK Horse, LLC dba DraftKings Racing, an out-of-state multi-jurisdictional wagering hub, for a period of two years.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Stern/Davis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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- 12. Years Discussion and action by the Board on the application for license to operate a minisatellite wagering facility of 300 Recreation, LLC dba Santa Clarita Lanes, in Santa Clarita, CA for a period of five years.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Alfieri/Stern.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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- 13. Discussion and action by the board regarding the proposed amendments to Board Rule 2000 (Appendix), General Provisions, Article 20, Conflict of Interest, to update the Conflict of Interest code.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Stern/Castellanos.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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- 14. Discussion and action by the board regarding the proposed amendments to CHRB Rule 1867, Prohibited Veterinary Practices, to add pin-firing, freeze-firing of shins, vesicants, and counter-irritant injections.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Ferraro/Davis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Davis, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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15. Report and Discussion on CHRB/CAHFS Postmortem Program, Fatality Review Program for fiscal year 2024/2025.

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16. REPORTS:

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

B. EQUINE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

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17. PUBLIC COMMENT.

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The Board Meeting was Adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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A full and complete transcript of the aforesaid proceedings are on file at the office of the California Horse Racing Board, 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300, Sacramento, California, and therefore made a part hereof.

Chairman

Executive Director